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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 JACOB HARLEY SHOOK,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR10-240 MJP

ORDER ON MOTION TO  
SUSPEND/DEFER RESTITUTION  
PAYMENTS

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16 Defendant is currently serving a 180-month sentence following his conviction (by plea of  
17 guilty) to Pharmacy Robbery, Brandishing a Firearm in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence, and  
18 Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He has filed a motion requesting the Court to suspend/defer  
19 his restitution obligation (which currently has a balance of \$2,781) until his release from prison.

20 The Court, having received and reviewed Defendant's motion, the Government's  
21 response, and relevant portions of the record, rules as follows:

22 IT IS ORDERED that Defendant's motion is DENIED.  
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1 The Court denies Defendant's motion on multiple grounds. First, Defendant has  
2 identified no "material change in [his] economic circumstances that might affect [his] ability to  
3 pay restitution." 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). Second, it appears that Defendant simply wants more of  
4 the money that is being sent to him for his own use while deferring his restitution obligation.  
5 This strikes the Court as neither fair nor consistent with the goals of the Congressional statutory  
6 scheme for inmate payment of restitution. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3664 *et seq.*

7 Finally, it appears that the Bureau of Prisons has already exercised its discretion in  
8 reducing Defendant's restitution payment below the amount it could be charging him. (*See* Dkt.  
9 No. 27, Government's Response at 5.) The Court agrees with the Government: "The \$75 per  
10 month [Defendant] is currently required to pay is not unreasonable, nor does it violate this  
11 court's judgment." Id.

12 Defendant's motion is denied.

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14 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to Defendant and to all counsel.

15 Dated July 27, 2018.

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17 The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman  
18 United States Senior District Court Judge  
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